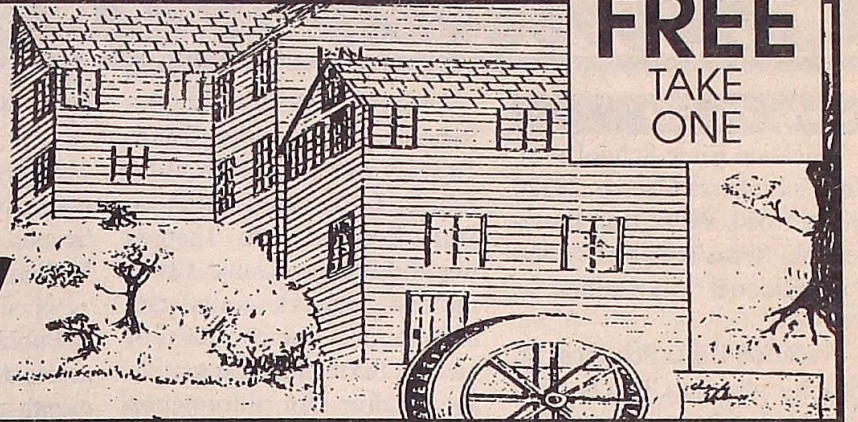


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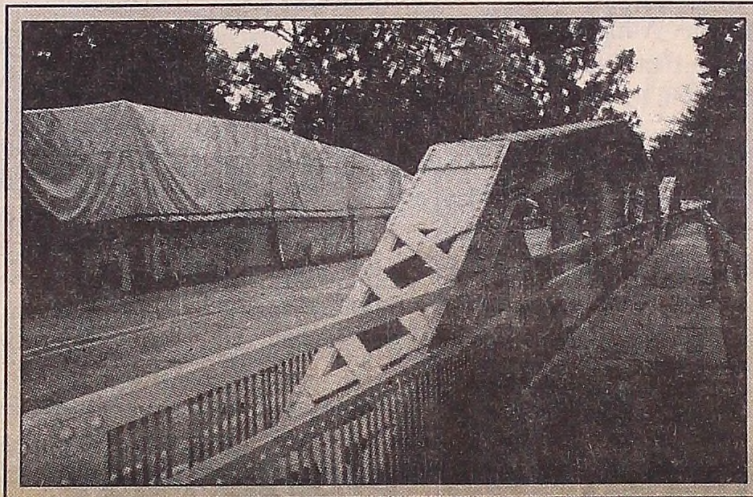
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Signs Of Our Time

by LARRY O'KELLEY
Freelance Writer

If you haven't had an opportunity to see our new township sign, we suggest you pack the family in your car and drive by the Sibley Road-Inkster Road intersection and check it out. The sign is prominently displayed on the northwest corner thanks to the kindness of Ron and Carol Bock.

The sign is impressive with its green background and gold leaf lettering. The Redwood construction and design suggests a "period" design and that fits very nicely in our rural setting and compliments our desire to promote our heritage. The sign is complimented by



well as other members of the board, spoke about the placement of other signs in the community. Among the sites discussed were the Villages of

is of importance to our community because it is one of only two ways to cross the Huron River. It has historical significance and has long been a major route of travel. Yet several times it has been allowed to rust.

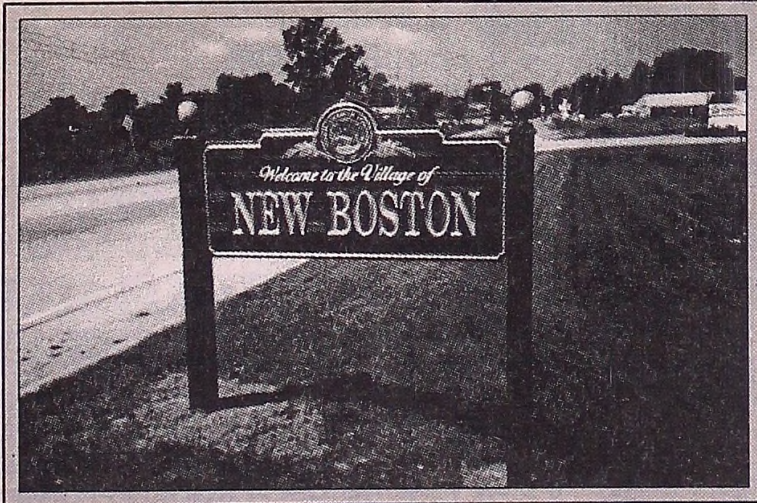
Back in the early 80's the appearance got so bad that several prominent citizens in the community took it upon themselves to paint the bridge. The actual paint job wasn't very good, but it got the point across and the County eventually moved itself to paint the bridge a sky blue. However, years of neglect has again found the bridge in need of attention. Not only does it need painting but the structure has suffered from several collisions.

According to Township Treasurer Adkins, he has called the County several times about the need to repair the guard rails. According to him current plans do not include this repair. Also several board members, notably Trustee Mason has expressed concern about the structural soundness of the bridge. The bridge was the topic of conversation many times during the period when a portion of I-275 was closed and traffic was rerouted over the bridge.

The County issued a report a few years back stating the bridge was safe and indicated there were no plans to do any major repairs. At this time, the board has not decided to do anything more than discuss the condition of the bridge and we can expect the topic to continue to come up on a regular basis.

Traffic has slowed because of the construction, but for the locals, the inconvenience is worth it. It is not known how long it will take to complete the sandblasting and painting but the County seems to be making acceptable progress.

So, we have a new sign for the Township, New Boston and the bridge is being painted. All positive signs of our times.



"friendly" landscaping that allows the sign to blend in with the neighboring landscaping.

The cost of the sign was underwritten by TDSI, a company located in New Boston. In a recent Huron Township Newsletter, the Township Supervisor praised the company for being "a good corporate neighbor." He also thanked Loyer Construction and Straub Architectural Designs for their work on the installation of the sign and the landscaping.

At prior Township Board meetings, the Supervisor as

Waltz, Willow and New Boston. Several organizations have already donated money for future signs. The New Boston sign was recently erected and is a smaller version of the Township sign. It is located on Sibley Road just northwest of the southbound I-275 exit ramp. It is located on what appears to be MDOT property.

Across town in New Boston, the bridge is finally getting a facelift. After years of neglect, Wayne County has finally started efforts to restore the appearance of the bridge. This bridge



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Community Calendar

July 26-30

Vacation Bible School at St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Road, Waltz. Call Director Pam Reiser at 734-654-6366 for additional information.

Vacation Bible School at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Boston. For more information call the church, 734-753-9048.

Daily

1999 Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reininger Realty.

Monthly Meetings

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. at Krzyske Community Center. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is free child care available. Come for rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. For information call 783-1429.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Huron Athletic Boosters meet the first Tuesday of each month. Call 654-3781 for info.

Third Thursday of the month September through May, Huron River Riders Horse Club monthly meetings 7:30 Krzyske Center, Waltz. New mem-

bers always welcome.

Enjoy delicious Fish Dinners in New Boston, 4-7 p.m.. Second Fridays at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Public Safety Commission meets third Monday of each month at the Krzyske Center at 7:30 p.m.

Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at the Krzyske Center in Waltz.

Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Krzyske Center.

Historical Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Applefest Building.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Senior Citizens

Huron Township Senior Citizens. Waltz Group: Pres., Alice McGrew, 753-5954. Meetings: First Tues. of the month noon, sandwich/cards. Third Tues. of the month, noon, pot luck and cards. Fifth Tues. of the month 1 p.m., cookies/cards.

New Boston Group: President: Edna Curistan, 782-3470. Meetings: First Wed. of

the month, 12:30 p.m. Third Thurs. of the month, 4:30 p.m., pot luck.

Events at Senior Center of Merriman Road: Meals on wheels every day. Hot meals every day 11:30 a.m.. Card party every Mon. 12:30 p.m.. Quilting every Tues. 9-11:30 a.m. Trips are offered. Call 782-5190.

Commodities may be picked up the fourth Tuesday of each month between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Of General Interest

Perennial herbs needed for a colonial herb garden being developed in the fall at the Samuel Adams Historical Museum. Remember us when you are dividing your perennial herbs. For more information please contact Georgette Heron-Willoughby or call Johan Sutton at State Farm. 753-3447.

If you find some **MISTAKES** in this publication... Please consider that they are there for a very good purpose. We publish something for everyone ... and some people are always looking for **MISTAKES!**

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Georgette Heron-Willoughby

Happy anniversary, Al Fresco!

I can't believe it has been a year already. I guess that time really does fly when you're having fun. I will be sharing with you even more exciting recipes, among other things over the next year.

This week I am sharing an old recipe that was brought to

the Greeks from Persia. For those of you that are regular readers of Al Fresco, you know that I am not much of a dessert chef. I try to do things that are easy. This is an exception. Baklava is a little laborious for a novice, but don't be afraid to

try it. Please let me know how I'm doing with the column or if you have any questions, contact: The Huron River Weekly-Al Fresco, P.O. Box 472, New Boston, MI 48164, or fax 734-753-4417.

BAKLAVA

- 1 lb. frozen Fillo Dough
- 1 cup Walnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup Almonds, chopped
- 1 cup melted Butter
- 2 tbs. Sugar
- 1 tsp. Cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. Nutmeg
- 1/8 tsp. Cloves

Lemon-Honey Syrup

In a saucepan, combine 1 cup sugar, 1 cup water and 1/2 lemon, sliced. Simmer 15 minutes. Remove lemon slices and stir in 2 tbs. honey.

Thaw Fillo at room temperature for two hours. Cut fillo in half crosswise and cover with a damp towel. Lightly butter the bottom of 14x10x2 baking pan. Layer ten sheets in the pan, brushing each layer with butter. Mix walnuts, almonds, sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves in a bowl. Spread 1/2 of the mixture over the fillo. Drizzle with some butter. Top with 20 more sheets, buttering each. Spread with the remaining nut mixture, drizzle with butter. Top with the remaining sheets, buttering each. Cut into diamond shapes without cutting through the bottom. Bake at 350° for 50-55 minutes. Finish cutting through; cool thoroughly. Pour warm lemon-honey syrup over the top, saturate.

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Huron School District Hall of Fame

As previously reported, *The Weekly* will in each issue, introduce a new member of the Hall of Fame currently in display at the high school.

There were seven former Huron High School graduates that were inducted in the Hall of Fame and this week we are honoring Jeff Petraska.

Jeff Petraska graduated from Huron High School in 1977. From there he went to the University of Michigan and graduated Cum Laude in 1981. His degree was in Atmospheric Science. His career at Huron included the Outdoor Challenge Club and the Physics Club.

His professional career began with a small research company in Ann Arbor, Michigan, OptiMetrics, Inc. Their main business was computer modeling of atmospheric phenomenon relating to military systems. He was happy to be selected to assist in the development of a model that would simulate the smoke clouds in various weather situations. For the next seven years, he worked in computer modeling with analytical studies for the United States Army. They explored electro-optical sensor systems, laser propagation, and detectability of military vehicles in various environments.

This experience brought him employment with the General Dynamics Land Systems Division in the fall of 1988. This corporation was dedicated to the application of low observables, commonly known as "stealth." Eventually, he was promoted to Lead Engineer and today he has excellent specialization in the technology of ground combat vehicles. This also has increased to other vehicles involving electronic warfare and armor protection. He has been vitally instrumental in our national defense. Jeff is also proud to have a private pilot's license as a member of the University

of Michigan. Flyer's Club. Along with his many accomplishments, his wife, Jayne Krzyske Petraska, also a graduate of Huron, has been a guiding force. They have two children, Emily and William.

Jeff is now a Senior Engineering Specialist with his company. Although he is committed to his career and his promotion to a Senior Engin-

earing Specialist he is involved with his family and his community.

He is involved in his church, St. Johns in Waltz, Michigan. And is a member of the U of M Gilbert and Sullivan Society. He also supports the Metro Detroit Gamers.

Jeff Petraska, Huron School District is proud of you!

Special Summer Events

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Huron School Counseling

The counselling office will be open beginning August 4th through August 19th for schedule changes and enrolling new students. If you have a high school age student that you need to have enrolled in school call the high school after August 1 (782-1436) or the counseling office after August 4 (782-5360) to schedule an appointment with a counselor.

Rock Recreation Department.

Concert in the park Sunday, August 1, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., "Steve King & The Dittilies" 50's & 60's music, pig roast dinner also at Huroc Park.

Magic and Ice Cream Day,

Wednesday, August 18, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Playscape/Pavillion, Community Park.

For details on any of the above events please call your Flat Rock Recreation Department at 782-3488.

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Huron Township History *D. Pastekal, Sr., CRS.*

New Boston 1889-1891

Father used to drive the horse in the river to drink and he would sometimes unhitch, and wash the buggy. It needed plenty of washing as the roads were nearly always mud roads, little, if any, gravel roads at that time and, of course, pave-

ment was unheard of.

We boys used to take our dog "Goo," a brown water spaniel, to the river and he, being a water dog, really loved

to swim. The river was probably 150 feet wide and we used to throw sticks in and snag on the bottom of the river, as the part above water he thought was a stick, back of our house was woods and bush. We boys roamed these woods at will. We learned to know the trees and gathered slippery elm, cut from the bush or small trees and gathered hazel nuts and hickory nuts in the Fall. As small as I was, I soon learned to look out for snakes which were plentiful and killed many

of them either with a stick or stone or sometimes stamping on their heads. Across the street from our house and a short way toward the cross road was Frank Andrew's Harness Shop. Mr. Andrews was one of father's parishioners and a very good friend.

Father took a great deal of pride in his horse and harness and he had a considerable number of straps and harness parts made.

We boys used to hitch our dog to a little wagon and he would pull until he was exhausted.

Mr. Andrews was much interested in our doings and one day he had me bring "Goo" into the shop and he measured him for a harness. In the course of time the harness was completed. It consisted of a breast collar, a back pad and real tugs. He trimmed it with real nickel spangles and it was really a work of art and I must say affection for a small boy. I hope I was as appreciative then as I have been in retrospect through the years. Father tried to pay Mr. Andrews, but he would not accept anything.

On our side of the street, a short ways away from the church and school toward open country, lived Mr. and Mrs. Maies. I don't think Mr. Maies had any special occupation, but was most likely a retired farmer. They kept a cow and we got milk from them. It was my job to go for the milk for which we paid. I think it was four cents a quart. They had a daughter, Minnie, who was also my first school teacher. She later married a man by the name of Frank Root, who was also a school teacher. I had an autograph album, which was much in vogue at that time and in it is a kindly message written by

Minnie Maies. I remember that father was very fond of buttermilk and Mrs. Maies told my mother to send for buttermilk anytime she wanted some. No one ever charged for buttermilk at the time, but I remember how I hated to go and ask for it.

Across the road and still farther out was Mr. Utes (Uthes) undertaking, (We called it Oats) establishment. It was a frame building which also housed the house. To me, this place had no charm and was a good place to steer clear of.

My memory of the stores on main street, which was at right angles with ours, is somewhat vague. I remember several old frame stores, which were all general stores. The largest was owned by Ham. Adams, who was also prominent in the affairs of the village and schools. The railroad formed the eastern boundary of the village and was graced with a waiting room and freight shed. The railroad was then known as the Flint and the Pere Marquette, later the Pere Marquette and now as the Chesapeake and Ohio.

The station master was Mr. Maywood and the Maywoods lived in a brick house close to the railroad. There was a large yard with white picket fence. The Maywoods were prominent in the church. They had two children; Sam, about my brother's age, and Vi, a girl my age. I went to play with Vi real often and she often came to our house to play with me. I have a pleasant memory of Vi coming to seem me when I had Chicken Pox and bringing me a little pink cup and saucer. I kept and prized it for many years, when I believe it was smashed by a girl who helped my wife in the kitchen. I still have Vi's picture and memories of a time when I was six and seven.

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Maggie's Musings



Margaret O'Kelley

I understand we now have a "Welcome to New Boston" sign. We still need "Welcome to Waltz," and "Welcome to Willow." Two up and two to go.

Almost weekly I have been seeing the D.P.W. sweep the sidewalks of New Boston. Thought the property owners were responsible to keep things clean.

Visited Township Hall Friday. Fumes were really bad from weed spray. Hope any of the employees do not have breathing problems!

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by MARK CLARK

Michigan Rocks

This month, in the spirit of Lilith Fair we'll be focusing on a few of our own female artists. Hope you enjoy. As always contact me at jmpclark@globalbiz.net.

Sister Seed

Chris Kerwin and Alicia Gibur make up the Royal Oak band, Sister Seed. They have



Sister Seed

released their second CD "If You Were Me" on Instant Bliss Records. The Detroit Free Press says "Sister Seed crafts brisk and buoyant electro-folk-pop that would fit right in at Lilith Fair." Their "Sunny melodies, savvy popcraft and engaging vocal harmonies" have earned them three Detroit Music Awards for best acoustic group and one for best record. They have been chosen to perform in the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival in upstate New York and have been a featured showcase at the prestigious Kerrville Folk Festival in Kerrville, Texas.

Bob Talbert recently mentioned in his column that "If You Were Me" was one of the top discs on his play list. I'd have to agree and my favorite cuts are "Unchanging Hand," "Humble Me" and "Hey My Friend" featuring some tasty harmonica by James Wailin. For more info go to www.folkweb.com.

Lisa Hunter

Ann Arbor acoustic folk-rock singer Lisa Hunter has been called one of the "Metro area's pre-eminent troubadours." Formerly in the folk rock trio Jane Doe, Hunter is a self described "Funky, melodic folk chick." Her latest CD "Flying" released on a Chicago record label is a

charismatic blend of acoustic instruments with electric guitars and a tight rhythm section. Agenda magazine



Lisa Hunter

describes her sound as "A subtle seduction," while the Detroit Free Press says that she "Paints her folk with splotches of funk" and that her new CD has "An infectious groove that doesn't quit." My favorite cuts from

the CD are "Underground" "Blue" and "Overgrown." For more info www.lb.com/one-manclapping.

Stun Gun

These Detroit femme fatale's sound is part punk, part pop, part glamour and flash, but all fun. During their



Stun Gun

short existence (one and a half years) the Detroit media has developed a love affair

with these rocker girls. Stun Gun already boasts a press kit that's thicker than those of most scene veterans. The Detroit Free Press recently picked them as one of the five Detroit bands most likely to break onto the national scene.

This past spring saw the release of their second CD

"Shut Up Or I'll Kill You" on Evol Records. Produced by Warren Defever of His Name Is Alive the CD also features cover art by rock chanteuse Niagra.

Included on the CD's seven songs are six originals and a cover of the 70's disco hit

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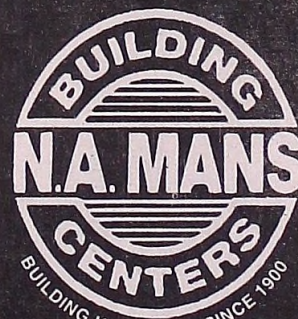
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Horoscope



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Your Cosmic Link For The Week Of July 28 - August 5

language, but trail is clear. Focus on results. Right foot, left foot, right foot, left foot. *Lucky #903.*

Vingo August 24 - September 23

Things go awry. Indicators fail. Avoid panic. Things may look worse than they appear, but things are bad, more or less. People advise against actions, others red flag it. But all you see is green. Use yellow before situation goes cold blue. *Lucky #602.*

Libra September 24 - October 23

Plans spin to ground. Hit like cheap bag of marbles. Free

loaders scramble to pick up pieces. Authority figure may step in. Be careful what you wish for. Loved one plays role in recovery. *Lucky #701.*

Scorpio October 24 - November 22

Family member seems to dominate time. Cloth on, cloth off. No help in sight. Take little steps. All is well in garden. Accept changes at last minute, gold rush is about to start. May be time to settle old mule. But don't get kicked off. *Lucky #672.*

Sagittarius November 23 - December 21

Is she or isn't she? Is she or isn't she? Is she or isn't she? Many swim to target, others take wave wader. Coffee may linger like lemonade may taste! Others lips pucker. Some laugh out loud. Some grin, others clean up mess. *Lucky #154.*

Capricorn December 22 - January 20

Tick tock, tick tock, tick

tock, tick tock, time seems to be locked even moments seem to move backward. Partners seem to be best ally. Outsiders try to pull you forward, cut lines. Telephone, fishing, kites, pick up lines all seem to be dead ends. *Lucky #324.*

Aquarius January 21 - February 19

People act like ally but move out of arms way. When it hits the fan. Disappointment cuts deep when other steps out of bounce. May have to end support, outside pressure overwhelming evidence may hurt like sparkler burn.. *Lucky #124.*

Pisces February 20 - March 20

Puzzle pieces still puzzling. Night looks dark, e still means empty. Tab at all time high at watering hole young people still at arms reach. Others picture comes by mail. Weather looks favorable for upcoming events. Old person questions motive of young person. Seek sig book advice. *Lucky #907.*

Aries March 21 - April 20

People come, people go. Others wait for moment where east meets east and west meets west, long wait. Push for closure. Loose ends make sparks. Some screen commitment. *Lucky #782.*

Taurus April 21 - May 21

Little sister pushes panic button. Source seems weak. Information sketchy. May have more smoke than fire. Move slowly. Don't get burned. Many lose sight of goal. Sort pieces. Find borders. Red to red, blue to blue, jig saw, table saw, see saw, teter saw things seem not to balance. *Lucky #107.*

Gemini May 22 - June 21

Soulmate waits patiently while F.L.H. hits highway. Sets land speed record for trip home. People push bad vibes your way. History tells truth. Soulmate depends on decision. You know the truth. May need to turn back on ex-friend. *Lucky #147.*

Cancer June 22 - July 23

Things slow down. Word from tops comes down. Upset under classman government funds run short. Business adventure looks promising. Specialist comes through on word. Put faith in soulmate. Others point in wrong direction.. *Lucky #007.*

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Leo July 24 - August 23

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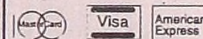
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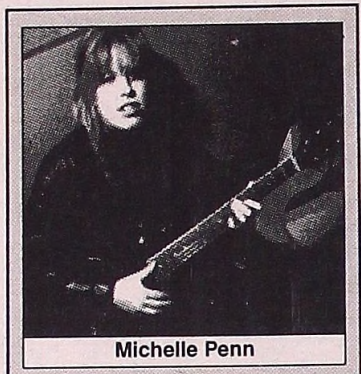
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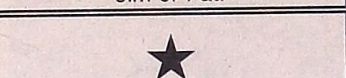
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